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(covering its work during 1993)

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

31 August 1993

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report to the General Assembly of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992. This report covers the work of the Special Committee during 1993.

(Signed) Renagi Renagi LOHIA
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on the Situation with regard to
the Implementation of the Declaration
on the Granting of Independence to
Colonial Countries and Peoples

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United Nations
New York

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Establishment of the Special Committee

1. The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples was established by the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961. The Committee was requested to examine the application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and to make suggestions and recommendations on the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration.

2. At its seventeenth session, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 1/ the General Assembly adopted resolution 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, by which it enlarged the Special Committee with the addition of seven new members. It invited the Committee "to continue to seek the most suitable ways and means for the speedy and total application of the Declaration to all Territories which have not yet attained independence".

3. At the same session, by its resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 on the question of South West Africa, the General Assembly requested the Special Committee to discharge, mutatis mutandis, the tasks assigned to the Special Committee for South West Africa by resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961. By its resolution 1806 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, the Assembly decided to dissolve the Special Committee for South West Africa.

4. By resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, adopted at its eighteenth session, the General Assembly decided to dissolve the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. It also requested the Committee to take that information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration in each of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to undertake any special study and prepare any special report it might consider necessary.

5. At the same session and at each subsequent session, the General Assembly, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 2/ has adopted a resolution renewing the mandate of the Committee.

6. On the occasion of the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth and thirtieth anniversaries of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the General Assembly, by approving the related reports of the Special Committee, adopted resolutions 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, 35/118 of 11 December 1980, 40/56 of 2 December 1985 and 45/33 of 20 November 1990, containing a series of recommendations with a view to facilitating the speedy implementation of the Declaration.

7. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, by adopting resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, endorsed as a Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the proposals contained in the annex to the report of the Special Committee (A/46/634/Rev.1). The Plan, inter alia, contained the following provisions:

"22. The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, with the cooperation of the administering Powers, should:

"(a) Prepare periodic analyses of the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in each Territory;

"(b) Review the impact of the economic and social situation on the constitutional and political advancement of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

"(c) Organize during the Decade seminars in the Caribbean and Pacific regions alternately, as well as at United Nations Headquarters, to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the plan of action, with the participation of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, their elected representatives, the administering Powers, Member States, regional organizations, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and experts.

"23. The Special Committee should continue to seek, as a matter of priority, the full cooperation of administering Powers with regard to the dispatch of United Nations visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"24. The Special Committee, with the cooperation of the administering Powers, should make every effort to facilitate and encourage the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in regional and international organizations, as well as in the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, the Special Committee itself and other United Nations decolonization bodies."

8. At its forty-seventh session, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 3/ the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992, by which it, inter alia:

"5. Approves the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples covering its work during 1992, including the programme of work envisaged for 1993; 4/

"...

"12. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration and to carry out those actions approved by the General Assembly regarding the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in all Territories that have not yet attained independence and, in particular:

"(a) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

"(b) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

"(c) To continue to examine the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization;

"(d) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

"(e) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

"13. Also calls upon the administering Powers to continue to cooperate with the Special Committee in the discharge of its mandate and to receive visiting missions to the Territories to secure first-hand information and ascertain the wishes and aspirations of their inhabitants;

"14. Further calls upon the administering Powers that have not participated in the work of the Special Committee to do so at its 1993 session;".

9. At the same session, the General Assembly also adopted nine other resolutions, two consensuses and four decisions relating to specific Territories or other items on the agenda of the Special Committee, as well as a number of other resolutions relevant to the work of the Committee, by which the Assembly entrusted the Committee with specific tasks in relation to these Territories and items. These decisions are listed below.

1. Resolutions, consensuses and decisions concerning specific Territories

Resolutions

Territory	Resolution No.	Date of adoption
Western Sahara	47/25	25 November 1992
New Caledonia	47/26	25 November 1992
American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands	47/27 A and B	25 November 1992

Consensuses

Territory	Decision No.	Date of adoption
Gibraltar	47/411	25 November 1992
	47/412	25 November 1992

Decisions

Territory	Decision No.	Date of adoption
East Timor	47/402	18 September 1992
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	47/408	10 November 1992
St. Helena	47/413	25 November 1992

2. Resolutions concerning other items

Item	Resolution No.	Date of adoption
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations	47/14	16 November 1992
Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa	47/15	16 November 1992
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	47/16	16 November 1992
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories	47/17	16 November 1992
Cooperation and coordination of the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories	47/22	25 November 1992
Dissemination of information on decolonization	47/24	25 November 1992

3. Decision concerning other questions

Question	Decision No.	Date of adoption
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	47/409	16 November 1992

10. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, 5/ decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of East Timor" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session (decision 47/402).

11. At its 60th plenary meeting, on 10 November 1992, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session (decision 47/408).

4. Other resolutions and decisions relevant to the work of the Special Committee

12. Other resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session which were relevant to the work of the Special Committee and which were taken into consideration by the Special Committee are listed in a note by the Secretary-General on the Committee's organization of work (A/AC.109/L.1793).

13. Prior to the adoption on 25 November 1992 of resolutions 47/23, by which the General Assembly approved the proposals contained in the report of the Special Committee regarding the Committee's proposed programme of work for 1993, and 47/24 concerning the dissemination of information on decolonization, the Assembly had before it the report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the recommendations contained in the draft resolutions (A/47/711). Consideration of this matter by the Fifth Committee was based on the related statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/47/48) and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5.47/SR.31).

5. Membership of the Special Committee

14. At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 22 December 1992, the President of the General Assembly drew attention to a letter dated 25 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to him (A/47/812), containing a request by Grenada to be admitted to membership in the Special Committee. The President informed the Assembly that, having held the necessary consultations with the regional groups, he had nominated Grenada as a

15. By a letter dated 10 December 1992 (A/47/774), the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the

then Czech and Slovak Federal Republic would cease to exist on 31 December 1992 (see also A/47/861).

16. At its 95th plenary meeting, on 19 January 1993, the General Assembly decided to admit the Czech Republic to membership in the United Nations (resolution 47/221). Following consultations held with the regional groups concerning the filling of the seat that had been occupied by the former Czechoslovakia in the Special Committee, the President of the General Assembly nominated the Czech Republic as a member of the Special Committee, with immediate effect. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to take note of that nomination (decision 47/312 B).

17. As at 19 January 1993, the Special Committee was composed of the following 25 members:

Afghanistan	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Bulgaria	Iraq
Chile	Mali
China	Papua New Guinea
Congo	Russian Federation
Côte d'Ivoire	Sierra Leone
Cuba	Syrian Arab Republic
Czech Republic	Trinidad and Tobago
Ethiopia	Tunisia
Fiji	United Republic of Tanzania
Grenada	Venezuela
India	Yugoslavia
Indonesia	

A list of representatives who attended the meetings of the Special Committee in 1993 appears in documents A/AC.109/INF/31 and Corr.1.

18. At the 1415th meeting of the Special Committee, on 7 July, the Chairman informed the members that the delegation of Bolivia had expressed the wish to participate in the Committee's summer session. The Committee decided to accede to the request. Bolivia participated in the work of the Committee as an observer at the 1415th to the 1428th meetings, from 7 July to 12 August.

B. Opening of the Special Committee's meetings in 1993 and election of officers

19. The Secretary-General addressed the Special Committee at its opening (1412th) meeting, on 10 February 1993. The Chairman made a statement at the same meeting (A/AC.109/PV.1412).

20. Also at the same meeting, the Special Committee unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Renagi Renagi Lohia (Papua New Guinea)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Alcibiades Hidalgo Basulto (Cuba)
Mr. Andrew G. Bangali (Sierra Leone)

Rapporteur: Mr. Farouk Al-Attal (Syrian Arab Republic)

C. Organization of work

21. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to maintain its Working Group, which would continue to function as a steering committee, and the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

22. By adopting the Chairman's suggestions referred to above, the Special Committee also requested its Subcommittee to meet as soon as possible to organize its programme of work for the year and, in addition to considering the items indicated in paragraph 23, to carry out the specific tasks assigned to the Committee by the General Assembly concerning the items referred to them.

23. The Special Committee further decided to adopt the suggestions of the Chairman relating to the allocation of items and the procedure for their consideration (A/AC.109/L.1794, paras. 2 and 3).

24. At its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, on the basis of the recommendations contained in the one hundredth report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804), the Special Committee took further decisions relating to its organization of work.

Representation of the Special Committee

25. The Special Committee was invited to the following conferences and meetings:

(a) National conference on "A Time of Change: Relations between the United States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands", held at Washington, D.C., in February (see para. 97);

(b) The fifty-ninth ordinary session of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, in February (see para. 91);

(c) A solemn meeting of the Special Committee against Apartheid in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, held in New York, in March (see para. 86);

(d) Nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs (SCMFA) of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), held in Grenada, in May (see para. 93);

(e) The sixtieth ordinary session of the OAU Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, held at Cairo, in June (see para. 91);

(f) Consultations with Heads of Government of CARICOM, held in the Bahamas, in July (see para. 94).

D. Meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies

26. In keeping with its resolve to continue taking all possible measures to rationalize the organization of its work, and with the full and close cooperation of its entire membership, the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies were again able to keep to a minimum the number of their formal meetings,

as indicated below, by holding whenever possible, informal meetings and extensive consultations through Committee officers.

1. Special Committee

27. The Special Committee held 17 meetings at Headquarters during 1993, as follows:

First part of the session:

1412th to 1414th meetings, from 10 February to 28 May;

Second part of the session:

1415th to 1428th meetings, from 7 July to 12 August.

28. During the session, the Special Committee considered in plenary meetings the following questions and adopted decisions thereon, as indicated below:

Question	Meetings	Decision
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations	1415-1417	A/48/23 (Part IV), chap. VIII, para. 9
American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Pitcairn, St. Helena	1414-1418, 1421, 1425-1427	A/48/23 (Part VI), chap. X, paras. 26 and 27
Question of sending visiting missions to Territories	1417	A/48/23 (Part II), chap. IV, para. 17
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	1417, 1427, 1428	A/48/23 (Part IV), chap. VII, para. 14
Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa	1417, 1427, 1428	A/48/23 (Part III), chap. V, para. 13

Question	Meetings	Decision
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration	1417, 1427, 1428	A/48/23 (Part III), chap. VI, para. 13
East Timor	1418-1420	A/48/23 (Part V), chap. IX, para. 13
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	1420	A/48/23 (Part VIII), chap. XII, para. 13
Gibraltar	1421	A/48/23 (Part V), chap. IX, para. 18
Western Sahara	1420-1421	A/48/23 (Part V), chap. IX, para. 22
Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico	1422-1424	A/48/23 (Part I), chap. I, para. 47
New Caledonia	1426, 1428	A/48/23 (Part VII), chap. XI, para. 8

29. The Special Committee considered the items allocated to its subsidiary bodies on the basis of the reports of the respective bodies (see paras. 31 and 41) and adopted decisions as indicated below.

2. Subsidiary bodies

(a) Working Group

30. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, the Special Committee decided to maintain its Working Group, the composition of which was to be as follows: Congo, Fiji, Islamic Republic of Iran and Trinidad and Tobago, together with the five officers of the Committee, namely, the Chairman (Papua New Guinea), the three Vice-Chairmen (Cuba, Sierra Leone and Czech Republic) and the Rapporteur (Syrian Arab Republic), as well as the Chairman (Tunisia) and the Rapporteur (Islamic Republic of Iran) of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

31. During the period covered by the present report, the Working Group held one meeting, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, and submitted a report (A/AC.109/L.1804).

(b) Open-ended Working Group established at the 1413th meeting, on 5 March 1993

32. At the 1412th meeting, on 10 February, the Chairman informed the Special Committee that he intended to hold consultations on the establishment of an open-ended working group with responsibility for making recommendations on how to improve further the efficiency of the work of the Committee (A/AC.109/PV.1412).

33. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Cuba, the Czech Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mali, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Fiji (A/AC.109/PV.1412).

34. At its 1413th meeting, on 5 March, following related consultations and on the recommendation of its Bureau, the Special Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group with the same composition and mandate as the Working Group of 1992. The Open-ended Working Group of the previous year was composed of all members of the Committee and was open to any State Member of the United Nations. Administering Powers, in particular, as well as representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, were encouraged to participate.

35. The mandate of the Open-ended Working Group was to review the following issues:

(a) Revitalization of the Special Committee in conformity with the objectives set forth by the General Assembly in the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

(b) Streamlining and consolidation of resolutions and other documents issued by the Special Committee, as well as their language;

(c) Review of the method of work of the Committee, its agenda and list of Territories;

(d) Cooperation of the administering Powers, bearing in mind the statement by the Secretary-General at the organizational meeting of the Committee on 10 February 1993 (A/AC.109/PV.1412), and, in this connection:

(i) How best to secure their full participation in the work of the Committee;

(ii) How to restore the practice of regular visiting missions to which the Committee attaches the highest importance as a means of obtaining first-hand information on the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other Territories within the purview of the mandate of the Committee;

(iii) How to ensure that the administering Powers provide the Committee with regular, timely and up-to-date information on the Territories under their administration, in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

(iv) The related issue of how to obtain greater participation of representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other Territories within the purview of the mandate of the Committee in the work of the Committee.

36. Also at the 1413th meeting, following statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Chile, Mali, Indonesia and Fiji (A/AC.109/PV.1413), the Special Committee elected Mr. Renagi Renagi Lohia (Papua New Guinea), Chairman of the Committee, as Chairman of the Open-ended Working Group.

37. The Working Group held a total of seven meetings between 11 March and 26 May 1993. Representatives of some administering Powers participated in the deliberations of the Working Group.

38. At its 1414th meeting, on 28 May, following statements by the representatives of Venezuela and Mali, as well as by the Chairman

(A/AC.109/PV.1414), the Special Committee adopted the report of the Open-ended Working Group without objection (A/AC.109/L.1795). The conclusions and recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group are contained in the report.

(c) Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance

39. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, the Special Committee decided to maintain the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance consisting of the entire membership of the Committee.

40. At the same meeting, the Special Committee elected Mr. Amor Ardhaoui (Tunisia) as Chairman and Mr. Hossein Lotfi Hormozabadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Rapporteur of the Subcommittee.

41. The Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance held 17 meetings, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, between 11 March and 29 June and submitted the following four reports which were subsequently considered by the Special Committee at its 1416th, 1417th, 1421st, 1425th to 1427th meetings, between 8 and 27 July:

(a) American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/L.1796);

(b) Pitcairn (A/AC.109/L.1799);

(c) St. Helena (A/AC.109/L.1800);

(d) Question of dissemination of information on decolonization (A/AC.109/L.1797).

42. An account of the Special Committee's consideration of the reports of the Subcommittee relating to the above-mentioned Territories (a) to (c) and to the dissemination of information (d) is contained in chapter X (A/48/23 (Part VI)) and chapter III (A/48/23 (Part II)), respectively, of the present report.

E. Question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable

43. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to allocate the question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable to the Working Group as appropriate. In taking that decision, the Committee recalled that, in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, 6/ it had stated that, subject to any directives that the Assembly might wish to give in that connection, it would continue, as part of its programme of work for 1993, to review the list of Territories to which the Declaration applied. The Committee further recalled that, by paragraph 5 of resolution 47/23, the Assembly had approved the report of the Committee, including the programme of work envisaged by the Committee for 1993.

44. At its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Special Committee considered the question on the basis of the recommendations contained in the one hundredth report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

"9. The Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee should continue consideration of the question at its next session, subject to any directives which the General Assembly might give at its forty-eighth session."

45. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico 7/

46. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to take up as appropriate an item entitled "Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico" and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

47. At its 1414th meeting, on 28 May, however, by adopting the report of the Open-ended Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1795), the Special Committee endorsed the Working Group's recommendation that the Committee defer consideration of the above item until 1994 and its suggestion that requests for hearings be given due consideration by the Committee on the basis of its unusual practice.

48. At the 1422nd and 1423rd meetings, on 15 July, the Chairman drew attention to a number of communications received from organizations expressing the wish to be heard on Puerto Rico by the Special Committee. On the basis of the decision it had taken at its 1414th meeting, the Committee agreed to accede to those requests and heard the representatives of the organizations concerned as indicated below:

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
The Honourable Baltasar Corrada del Río, Secretary of State, on behalf of The Honourable Pedro J. Rosselló, Governor of Puerto Rico	1422nd
Mr. Carlos Noriega Rodríguez, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico	1422nd
Dr. Miriam Ramírez de Ferrer, Puertoricans in Civic Action	1422nd
Mr. Alejandro Torres Rivera, Gran Oriente Interamericano de Puerto Rico	1422nd
Ms. Sonia Iris Rivera, Movimiento de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueño	1422nd
Mr. Juan Mari Brás, Causa Común Independentista	1422nd
Mr. Carlos Gallisá, Partido Socialista Puertorriqueño	1422nd

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
Mr. Fernando J. Martín, Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño	1422nd
Dr. José Milton Soltero, on behalf of Comité de Puerto Rico en las Naciones Unidas	1422nd
Ms. Lucy Varcarcel, Committee for Puerto Rican Affirmation	1423rd
Mr. Ronald Fernandez, Justice for Puerto Rico	1423rd
Mr. José Luis Morín, Center for Constitutional Rights	1423rd
Mr. Javier A. Nieves, Assemblyman, 51st District, Kings County, New York	1423rd
Mr. Francisco Velgara, U.S./Puerto Rico Solidarity Network	1423rd
Mr. Benito Torres, Colectivo Independentista Puertorriqueño del area de Washington	1423rd
Mr. Gilberto Gerena-Valentin, on behalf of Partido Nacionalista de Puerto Rico	1423rd
Ms. Ana M. López, National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War	1423rd
Mr. Alvin D. Gonzalez, Young Lords, Inc.	1423rd
Mrs. Milagros Sotomayor, The Last Straw	1423rd
Mr. Michael E. Deutsch, National Lawyers Guild	1424th
Mr. Luis Nieves Falcon, Ofensiva '92	1424th
Rev. Annie González, Northlake United Methodist Church	1424th
Ms. Evelyn Rodríguez, Family Committee of Puerto Rican POWs and Political Prisoners	1424th
Ms. Elsie Valdés, Puertorriqueñas Pro-Estadidad, Inc.; Estadistas ante las Naciones Unidas	1424th
Ms. Leonilda Calderón, Union for Puerto Rican Students	1424th
Mr. Roger S. Wareham, December 12th Movement	1424th
Rev. Luis Barrios, St. Ann's Church of Morrisania	1424th

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
Ms. Rita Cordova, on behalf of Comité Unitario Contra la Represión y Por la Defensa de los Presos Políticos	1424th
Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project	1424th
Ms. Ivedith Irizarry, Respetable Logia Femenina Julia de Burgos	1424th

F. Consideration of other matters

1. Matters relating to the small Territories

49. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to include in its agenda for the current session an item entitled "Matters relating to the small Territories" and to consider it at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

50. In taking these decisions, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 47/23, by paragraph 12 (d) of which the Assembly requested the Committee "to continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence".

51. During the year, the Special Committee and its Subcommittee gave extensive consideration to all phases of the situation obtaining in the small Territories (see chaps. IX-XII of the present report, A/48/23 (Parts V-VIII)).

2. Compliance of Member States with the Declaration and other relevant resolutions on decolonization

52. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to consider the above question at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance.

53. The Special Committee and its Subcommittee accordingly took that decision into account in their consideration of specific items.

3. Question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters

54. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters as appropriate and to refer it to its Working Group for consideration and recommendations.

55. Having regard to its programme of work for 1994, the Special Committee, at its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, considered the question of holding meetings away from Headquarters, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and paragraph 3 (9) of resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, by which the Assembly authorized the Committee to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. Also at its 1427th meeting, by approving the recommendations contained in the one hundredth report of its Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804), the Committee decided, inter alia, that it was not necessary at that time for the Special Committee to consider holding meetings away from Headquarters.

4. Pattern of conferences

56. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to take up as appropriate an item entitled "Pattern of conferences" and to refer it to its Working Group for consideration and recommendations. In so doing, the Committee was conscious of the fact that it had initiated some important measures in rationalizing its work methods, many of which were subsequently incorporated in a number of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly. Further recalling the measures it had taken heretofore in that connection, the Committee decided to continue to exercise its initiatives in the effective utilization of the limited conference resources and the further reduction of its documentation requirements.

57. During the year, the Special Committee also continued the practice of circulating communications and information material, as far as possible, in the form of informal notes and aides-mémoire in the original language of submission, thus curtailing documentation requirements by some 2,500 pages and accruing considerable savings for the Organization. A list of the official documents issued by the Committee during 1993 is contained in the annex to the present chapter.

58. At its 1427th meeting, the Special Committee considered the item on the basis of the recommendations contained in the one hundredth report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804). The relevant paragraphs of that report read as follows:

> "5. The Working Group noted that, during the year, the Special Committee had closely followed the guidelines set forth in the resolutions of the General Assembly on the pattern of conferences, in particular resolution 47/202 of 22 December 1992. By organizing its programme of work effectively and by holding extensive consultations and working in informal session, the Committee had been able to curtail considerably the number of its formal meetings. The Working Group recommended that the Special Committee should continue to pursue its efforts to rationalize the use of the conference-servicing resources and to avoid as far as possible last-minute cancellation of scheduled meetings.
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> "6. The Working Group decided to recommend that, taking into account the probable workload of the Special Committee for 1994, the Committee should consider holding its meetings according to the following schedule:

(a) Plenary

February/June	As required
July	20 meetings (6 to 8 meetings a week)

(b) Subsidiary bodies

March/June	30 meetings (3 to 5 meetings a week)

"7. It was understood that that programme would not preclude the holding of any ad hoc meetings that might be warranted and that the Special Committee might, in early 1994, review the scheduled meetings on the basis of new developments that might arise. The Working Group recommended that, subject to any directives given by the General Assembly, the Special Committee, while fulfilling its mandate, should strive to keep its meetings to a minimum."

59. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

5. Control and limitation of documentation

60. Also at its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Special Committee considered the above question on the basis of recommendations contained in the one hundredth report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

"8. The Working Group noted that, during the year, the Special Committee had taken further measures to control and limit its documentation in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 34/50 of 23 November 1979 and 39/68 of 13 December 1984. Those measures included the circulation of its documents in provisional or unofficial form whenever appropriate. The Working Group recommended that, consistent with the goal of limiting documentation, the Special Committee should streamline its report to the General Assembly. In order to limit the Committee's documentation further, the Working Group decided to recommend that the working papers relating to foreign economic and other interests and military activities and arrangements should be combined to form a single document."

61. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

6. Cooperation and participation of the administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee

62. In compliance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the delegations of New Zealand and Portugal, as representatives of administering Powers concerned, continued to participate, in accordance with established procedure, in the related work of the Special Committee as reflected in chapters IX and X of the present report (A/48/23 (Parts V and VI)).

63. The delegations of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America did not participate in the work of the Committee. 8/

64. In its report (A/AC.109/L.1796), the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance noted with regret that the United Kingdom and the United States, the administering Powers for the majority of Non-Self-Governing Territories, did not participate in its deliberations. In that connection, and in view of the efforts deployed by the Special Committee to streamline and rationalize its work, the Subcommittee once again appealed to the United Kingdom and the United States to reconsider their position and to resume their participation in the work of the Committee.

65. At its 1414th meeting, on 28 May, the Special Committee considered the question on the basis of a recommendation contained in the report of the Open-ended Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1795). In that connection, the Committee took note of an appeal adopted by its Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance and endorsed the proposal at the same meeting. The appeal reads as follows:

> "The Special Committee,
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> "Having noted that certain administering Powers still do not attend its meetings and those of its Subcommittee and Working Group,
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> "In order to carry out with objectivity its consideration of the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, reiterates its desire to promote a fruitful dialogue with the administering Powers, in the context of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, as well as resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988 concerning the declaration of the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism,
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> "Urges the delegations of the administering Powers which do not participate in its work or in the work of its Subcommittee and its Working Group to reconsider their position in that regard and to make their due contribution towards the attainment of the noble objectives of the United Nations in the area of decolonization,
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> "Welcomes the presence of representatives of those administering Powers that participate in the meetings of the Special Committee, its Working Group and the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance and appreciates their very useful collaboration."

66. In a related context, the Special Committee, at its 1417th meeting, on 12 July, adopted draft resolution A/AC/109/L.1802 on the question of sending visiting missions to Territories as resolution A/AC.109/1166. By this resolution the Committee took note with appreciation of the invitation extended to the Special Committee by the Government of New Zealand to send a visiting mission to Tokelau in 1994. It called upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations by receiving United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration and continued to call upon those administering Powers that were not participating in the work of the Special Committee to reconsider their decisions and to take an active part in the work of the Committee (see chap. IV, para. 17, of the present report, A/48/23 (Part II)).

7. Participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Special Committee

67. At its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804):

> "13. The Working Group decided to recommend that the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Special Committee at Headquarters, as recommended by the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, should continue to be facilitated through the reimbursement by the United Nations of the expenses relating to their participation under the terms of the guidelines adopted by the Committee and approved by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.
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> "14. In that connection, the Working Group decided to recommend that paragraph 5 of the guidelines which the Special Committee had adopted in 1992 (A/AC.109/L.1791, annex) should be amended to read as follows:
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> > '5. Requests for funding shall be approved on a case-by-case basis by a decision of the Special Committee when in session or, between sessions, by its Bureau. In the latter case, such approval will be given only after the request has been circulated to the members and has been endorsed by the majority of the members. With due regard to the financial rules and regulations of the United Nations, requests for funding will be granted only within the limit of the provisions approved by the General Assembly under the appropriate accounts for the year concerned.'"

68. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

8. Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of All Colonial Territories, as well as Those in South Africa, Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights

69. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2911 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, by paragraph 2 of which the Assembly recommended that, "on the occasion of the Week, meetings should be held, appropriate materials should be published in the press and broadcast on radio and television and public campaigns should be conducted with a view to obtaining contributions to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and Apartheid established by the Organization of African Unity", and as reflected in the report of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance relating to the question of dissemination of information on decolonization (A/AC.109/L.1797), a series of activities was undertaken in observance of the Week with the cooperation of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, assisted by United Nations information centres throughout the world (see chap. III, para. 7, of the present report, A/48/23 (Part II)).

70. On 28 May, the Chairman of the Special Committee issued a statement in commemoration of the Week, in which he reviewed developments in the field of decolonization, particularly in southern Africa, and urged "all Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations, to lend maximum support to the peoples of South Africa and the dependent peoples elsewhere, in order to enable them to exercise their inalienable rights to self-determination and independence without

further delay" (see chap. III, para. 8 of the present report, A/48/23 (Part II)).

9. Representation at seminars, meetings and conferences of intergovernmental and other organizations

71. At its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804):

> "4. The Working Group proposed that the Special Committee recommend to the General Assembly that the Committee should continue to be represented at seminars, meetings and conferences organized by United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of decolonization and that the practice of consulting members of the Committee prior to the acceptance of invitations to such meetings should be maintained. The Working Group also recommended that the Assembly should make appropriate budgetary provisions to cover such activities in 1994."

72. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

10. International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

73. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, the Special Committee, mindful of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and by approving the recommendation of its Chairman on the Committee's organization of work for the year, decided to allocate to the Working Group and plenary meetings of the Committee, as appropriate, the question of "International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism".

74. At its 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Special Committee considered the question on the basis of the recommendations contained in the one hundredth report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1804). The relevant paragraphs of that report reads as follows:

> "10. The Working Group noted with satisfaction that the regional seminar held in Papua New Guinea from 8 to 10 June 1993, carried out by the Committee within the context of the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, was successful. The Working Group recommended to the Committee that the summary of discussions of that seminar should be taken into account in its consideration of the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.
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> "11. Noting that the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism provides for the holding of seminars in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions, alternately, the Working Group decided to recommend that the Committee should organize in 1994 a seminar at Headquarters to be attended by representatives of all the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, irrespective of their location. The seminar would provide an opportunity to carry out a mid-term review of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and hear the views of the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.
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> "12. The Working Group further decided to recommend that the Committee should invite United Nations organs, agencies and institutions to apprise

the Secretary-General of actions they have taken in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991 relating to the Plan of Action and submit a report to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session."

75. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

11. Report of the Special Committee to the General Assembly

76. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work (A/AC.109/L.1794) and in accordance with paragraph 31 of General Assembly decision 34/401 relating to rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, the Special Committee decided to follow the procedure adopted at its 1992 session 9/ in connection with the formulation of its recommendations to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

77. At its 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Special Committee decided to authorize its Rapporteur to prepare and submit directly to the General Assembly the various chapters of the report of the Committee in accordance with established practice and procedure.

12. Other questions

78. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided to request the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance, in its examination of specific Territories, to take into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions and decisions listed in the note by the Secretary-General on the organization of work of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/L.1793, paras. 16 and 17).

79. This decision was taken into account during the consideration of specific Territories and other items at both subcommittee and plenary meetings.

G. Relations with United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

1. Security Council

80. In paragraph 12 (b) of its resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992, the General Assembly requested the Special Committee "to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security".

2. Trusteeship Council

81. During the year, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the Trusteeship Council relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

3. Economic and Social Council

82. In connection with the Special Committee's consideration of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, and in accordance with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 47/16 of 16 November 1992, relating to that item, consultations were held during the year between the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Chairman of the Committee to consider "appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies ... in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly". Further, the Chairman of the Special Committee participated in the Council's consideration of the related item. An account of the foregoing, and of the Committee's consideration of the item, is set out in chapter VII of the present report (A/48/23 (Part IV)).

4. Commission on Human Rights

83. During the year, the Special Committee followed closely the work of the Commission on Human Rights in regard to the question of the right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation, and to the question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and Territories.

84. In its consideration of the Territories concerned, the Special Committee took into account the relevant resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, including resolutions 1993/5 of 19 February 1993; 1993/9 to 1993/11, 1993/13 to 1993/15, 1993/17 to 1993/19, all of 26 February 1993; 1993/22 of 4 March 1993; 1993/30 and 1993/31 of 5 March 1993; and 1993/97 of 11 March 1993; and 1993/28 of 5 March 1993 on the work of its Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, its resolutions 1992/8 of 26 August 1992 and 1992/29 of 27 August 1992, as well as the Subcommission's report. 10/ The Committee also took into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolutions 47/77 to 47/79, 47/81 to 47/84, 47/94, 47/95 and 47/97 to 47/102, all of 16 December 1992.

5. Special Committee against Apartheid

85. Bearing in mind the repercussions of the policies of apartheid on the situation in southern Africa, the Special Committee also continued to pay close attention during the year to the work of the Special Committee against Apartheid, and the officers of the two Committees remained in close communication as regards matters of common interest.

86. The Chairman made a statement on behalf of the Special Committee on 22 March 1993 at a solemn meeting organized by the Special Committee against Apartheid in New York in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/AC.115/PV.664).

6. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

87. During the year, having regard to the relevant provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee continued to follow the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (see para. 99).

7. Specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

88. In accordance with the requests contained in the relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Special Committee continued its consideration of the item on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In the same context, the Committee held consultations during the year with officials of several organizations. An account of these consultations and of the Committee's consideration of the question is set out in chapter VII of the present report (A/48/23 (Part IV)).

89. During the year, the Special Committee adopted decisions relating to the extension of assistance to the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories. These decisions are reflected in chapters VII and X of the present report (A/48/23 (Parts IV and VI)).

8. Organization of African Unity

90. Bearing in mind its earlier decision to maintain contact with OAU on a regular basis in order to assist in the effective discharge of its mandate, the Special Committee, as in previous years, followed closely the work of that organization during the year and maintained close liaison with its General Secretariat on matters of common interest.

91. In response to invitations for the Special Committee to be represented at the fifty-ninth and sixtieth ordinary sessions of the OAU Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 10 and 11 February 1993, and at Cairo on 18 and 19 June 1993, respectively, the Chairman sent messages on behalf of the Committee.

9. Caribbean Community

92. The Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the Caribbean Community relating to the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region.

93. Three members of the Special Committee, Mr. Alcibiades Hidalgo Basulto (Cuba), Mr. Eugene M. Pursoo (Grenada) and Mr. Alexis O. Maino (Papua New Guinea), represented the Committee at the nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs (SCMFA) of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), held in Grenada from 6 to 11 May 1993.

94. In response to an invitation to hold consultations with the Heads of Government of CARICOM, held in the Bahamas from 5 to 8 July 1993, the Chairman sent a message on behalf of the Special Committee.

10. South Pacific Forum

95. During the year, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the South Pacific Forum concerning the Non-Self-Governing Territories in that region.

11. Non-governmental organizations

96. Having regard to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 47/23 and 47/24 of 25 November 1992, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the activities of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization. The related decisions of the Committee are reflected in chapter III of the present report (A/48/23 (Part II)).

97. The Chairman represented the Special Committee at a national conference on "A Time of Change: Relations between the United States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands", held at Washington, D.C., from 8 to 11 February 1993.

H. Action relating to international conventions/studies/programmes

1. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 11/

98. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Special Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Committee decided, inter alia, to include in its agenda for the current session an item entitled "International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" and to consider it at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance, in its examination of specific Territories.

99. The Special Committee continued during the year to monitor related developments in Territories, having regard to the relevant provisions of article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

2. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

100. The Special Committee continued during the year to take into account the provisions of relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 47/81 of 16 December 1992, in connection with its consideration of the related items and invited its Chairman to continue to extend all possible assistance to, and cooperate closely with, the Secretary-General in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to him by the Assembly in relation to the "Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid".

3. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

101. The Special Committee continued to take into account the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies concerned relating to the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including in particular General Assembly resolution 47/77 of 16 December 1992, the relevant report of the Secretary-General, 12/ as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/8 of 27 July 1993 on the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

102. During the year, the Special Committee, in a related context, took into account the relevant provisions of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/11 of 26 February 1993 concerning the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

I. Review of work

103. As noted elsewhere in the current report, the reform processes initiated by the Special Committee in 1991, which brought about a number of changes and improvements in its approach, methods and procedures, were pursued in 1992 and again in 1993. An open-ended Working Group was established at the 1413th meeting, on 5 March 1993, to assist the Committee in that regard. The measures adopted by the Committee included the streamlining and consolidation of a number of its resolutions. With regard to the preparation of the consolidated draft resolution, it was recommended that extensive consultations should be held with the administering Powers concerned and with representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, and that all administering Powers concerned should be urged to cooperate fully with the Committee. As in previous years, the Committee's recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on 10 Territories were consolidated into a single resolution (chap. X, paras. 28 and 29 of the present report (A/48/23 (Part VI)). (See also A/AC.109/1173.)

104. The Special Committee also reviewed carefully its resolutions on information from Non-Self-Governing territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (A/AC.109/1165), question of sending visiting missions to Territories (A/AC.109/1166), implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/AC.109/1175), activities of those foreign economic and other interests (A/AC.109/1176), as well as its decision on military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (A/AC.109/1177 and Corr.1), and made adjustments where appropriate.

105. As reported in chapter II of the present report, the Special Committee held a regional seminar in Papua New Guinea in implementation of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991.

106. In accordance with the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Special Committee continued during its 1993 session to seek suitable means for the implementation of Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories to which the Declaration is applicable and formulated specific proposals and recommendations in that regard.

107. On the question of the publicity to be given to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, the Special Committee endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of its Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance as reported in chapter III of the present report (A/48/23 (Part II)).

108. During the year, the Special Committee also continued its review of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable. As regards Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico, the Committee decided to defer consideration of that decision until 1994. However, in accordance with the recommendation of the Open-ended Working Group endorsed by the Special Committee at its 1414th meeting, on 28 May, the Committee did hear representatives of organizations concerned.

109. In accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly, the Special Committee was able during the year to reduce to a minimum the number of its formal meetings and to minimize the wastage resulting from cancellation of scheduled meetings.

J. Future work

110. In accordance with the mandate entrusted to it in the relevant General Assembly resolutions, and subject to any further directives which it may receive from the Assembly during the latter's forty-eighth session, the Special Committee intends during 1994 to pursue its efforts in seeking the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration in all Territories that have not yet attained independence. In particular, the Committee will keep under review developments concerning each Territory, as well as the compliance by all States, in particular the administering Powers, with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations. On the basis of that review, the Committee will continue to submit conclusions and recommendations on the specific measures necessary to achieve the objectives set out in the Declaration and the relevant provisions of the Charter. The Committee also intends to continue its review of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable.

111. The Special Committee will continue to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security.

112. The Special Committee will continue to fulfil the responsibilities that have been entrusted to it in the context of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/181. The activities to be undertaken in this connection include a seminar at Headquarters to be organized by the Committee in 1994 to be attended by the representatives of all the Non-Self-Governing Territories. The recommendations and results of the 1994 seminar would be useful in carrying out a mid-term review of the Plan of Action in 1995.

113. The Special Committee will continue to pay special attention to the specific problems of the small island Territories which constitute the overwhelming majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories. Aware that, in addition to general problems facing developing countries, these island Territories also suffer handicaps arising from the interplay of such factors as their size, remoteness, geographical dispersion, vulnerability to natural disasters, the fragility of their ecosystems, constraints in transport and communications, great distances from market centres, a highly limited internal market, lack of natural resources, weak indigenous technological capacity, the acute problem of obtaining freshwater supplies, heavy dependence on imports and a small number of commodities, depletion of non-renewable resources, migration, particularly of personnel with high-level skills, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens, the Special Committee will continue to recommend measures to facilitate a sustained and balanced growth of the fragile economies of those Territories and increased assistance in the development of all the sectors of those economies with particular emphasis on programmes of diversification. In so doing, the Committee will continue to take into consideration the recommendations of the regional seminars that the Committee has organized since 1990 (A/AC.109/1040 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/1043, A/AC.109/1114 and A/AC.109/1159).

114. It is the Special Committee's intention to continue to follow closely the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the

international institutions associated with the United Nations. In so doing, the Committee, as in the past, will review the action taken or envisaged by international organizations in the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly. The Committee will hold further consultations and contacts with those organizations, as appropriate. The Committee will also be guided by the results of further consultations to be held in 1994 between its Chairman and the President of the Economic and Social Council within the context of the relevant decisions of the Assembly, the Council and the Committee itself. Further, the Committee will maintain close contact with the Secretaries-General and senior officials of regional organizations (Organization of African Unity, Organization of American States, Caribbean Community, South Pacific Forum, etc.) particularly those in the Caribbean and Pacific regions where the majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are located. The objective of these contacts is to facilitate the effective implementation of the decisions of the various United Nations bodies and to foster cooperation between the specialized agencies and those regional organizations in their assistance to the Non-Self-Governing Territories in those regions.

115. The Special Committee intends to continue to review measures to bring an end to the activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration in Non-Self-Governing Territories. Further, the Committee intends to continue its study of military activities and arrangements in those Territories.

116. In its resolutions relating to Non-Self-Governing Territories, the General Assembly has repeatedly called upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the Special Committee by inviting United Nations visiting missions to the Territories under their administration. Having regard to the constructive role played by such missions in the past, the Committee continues to attach the utmost importance to the dispatching of visiting missions as a means of collecting adequate and first-hand information on conditions in the Territories and on the wishes and aspirations of the people concerning their future status. Accordingly, the Committee will continue to seek the full cooperation of the administering Powers on the matter. In that regard, the Committee accepted the invitation of the Government of New Zealand to send a visiting mission to Tokelau in early 1994.

117. Taking into consideration its mandate over Western Sahara and its primary responsibility to ensure the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) for all Non-Self-Governing Territories, and in accordance with a decision it had taken at its 1397th meeting, on 23 August 1991, the Special Committee may dispatch a mission to Western Sahara during the holding of the referendum in the Territory.

118. Taking into account the views expressed by the representatives of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories at the regional seminars organized by the Special Committee since 1990, as well as the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the Committee will continue to consider, in cooperation with the administering Powers, how to intensify and improve the participation of the representatives of those Territories in the work of the Committee within the existing resources.

119. In the light of the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions concerning the pattern of conferences, and taking into consideration its experience in previous years, as well as its probable workload for next year, the Special Committee has approved a tentative programme of meetings for 1994, which it commends to the Assembly for approval.

120. The Special Committee suggests that, when the General Assembly examines the question of the implementation of the Declaration at its forty-eighth session, it may wish to take into account the various recommendations of the Committee which are reflected in the relevant chapters of the present report and, in particular, to endorse the proposals outlined in the present section in order to enable the Committee to carry out the tasks it envisages for 1994. In addition, the Committee recommends that the Assembly should renew its appeal to the administering Powers to take all necessary steps for the implementation of the Declaration and the relevant United Nations resolutions, in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of the Territories concerned. In this connection, the Committee recommends that the Assembly should again request the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the Committee in the discharge of its mandate and, in particular, to participate actively in the work relating to the Territories under their respective administrations. Bearing in mind the affirmation by the Assembly that direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards a position of equality with States Members of the United Nations, the Committee also recommends that the Assembly should continue to invite the administering Powers to allow representatives of the Territories concerned to participate in the discussions in the Fourth Committee and the Special Committee of the items relating to their respective Territories. Further, the Assembly might also wish to renew its appeal to all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to comply with the various requests addressed to them by the Assembly and the Security Council in their relevant resolutions.

121. The Special Committee recommends that, in approving the programme of work outlined above, the General Assembly should make adequate provision to cover the activities the Committee envisages for 1994. In this regard, the Special Committee recalls that in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 the Secretary-General has included estimates in respect of the programme of work of the Special Committee for 1994 and 1995 based on the level of activities approved for the year 1993, without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions. On that basis, the Special Committee understands that adequate provisions would be approved by the General Assembly. Finally, the Committee expresses the hope that the Secretary-General will continue to provide it with all the facilities and personnel necessary for the discharge of its mandate, taking into account the various tasks assigned to it by the Assembly as well as those arising from decisions taken by it during the current year.

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122. At its 1417th meeting, on 12 July 1993, the Special Committee decided to request the Rapporteur to prepare and submit the present report directly to the General Assembly, in accordance with established practice.

123. At the 1428th meeting, on 12 August, the Chairman made a statement on the occasion of the closing of the 1993 session of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/PV.1428).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 25, document A/5238.

2/ See the reports of the Special Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its eighteenth to forty-seventh sessions. For the most recent, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/46/23); and ibid., Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/47/23).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/47/23).

4/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. J.

5/ Ibid., Forty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/47/250, para. 37.

6/ Ibid., Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/47/23), chap. I, para. 114.

7/ Ibid., para. 50.

8/ For the explanation of their non-participation, see documents A/47/86, A/42/651, annex, and Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/41/23), chap. I, paras. 76 and 77.

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/47/23), chap. I, paras. 80-81.

10/ E/CN.4/1993/2.

11/ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, annex.

12/ E/1993/71.

Annex

LIST OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, 1993

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A/AC.109/INF/31 and Corr.1	List of delegations	18 March 1993 11 August 1993
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A/AC.109/1139	Turks and Caicos Islands (working paper)	4 March 1993
A/AC.109/1140	International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism - Pacific Regional Seminar to Review the Political, Economic and Social Conditions in the Small Island Non-Self-Governing Territories, to be held at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea: Guidelines and rules of procedure	9 March 1993
A/AC.109/1141	Anguilla (working paper)	6 April 1993
A/AC.109/1142	British Virgin Islands (working paper)	24 March 1993
A/AC.109/1143	Bermuda (working paper)	5 April 1993
A/AC.109/1144	Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: Bermuda	21 June 1993
A/AC.109/1145	American Samoa (working paper)	19 April 1993
A/AC.109/1146	Pitcairn (working paper)	23 April 1993
A/AC.109/1147	Tokelau (working paper)	27 April 1993
A/AC.109/1148	Guam (working paper)	10 May 1993
A/AC.109/1149	Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers ... Guam	7 May 1993
A/AC.109/1150	United States Virgin Islands (working paper)	3 May 1993
A/AC.109/1151	Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers ... United States Virgin Islands	11 June 1993
A/AC.109/1152	St. Helena (working paper)	25 May 1993

Document No.	Title	Date
A/AC.109/1153	Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in all Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: Bermuda	21 June 1993
A/AC.109/1154	East Timor (working paper)	8 July 1993
A/AC.109/1155	Activities of foreign economic and other interests ... United States Virgin Islands	11 June 1993
A/AC.109/1156	Activities of foreign economic and other interests ... Montserrat	11 June 1993
A/AC.109/1157	Activities of foreign economic and other interests ... Cayman Islands	16 June 1993
A/AC.109/1158	Activities of foreign economic and other interests ... Anguilla	24 June 1993
A/AC.109/1159	International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism - Pacific Regional Seminar to Review the Political, Economic and Social Conditions in the Small Island Non-Self-Governing Territories, held at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 8 to 10 June 1993	1 July 1993
A/AC.109/1160	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General	25 June 1993
A/AC.109/1161	Activities of foreign economic and other interests ... Turks and Caicos Islands	2 July 1993
A/AC.109/1162	Letter dated 20 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee	1 July 1993
A/AC.109/1163	Western Sahara (working paper)	8 July 1993
A/AC.109/1164	Gibraltar (working paper)	9 July 1993
A/AC.109/1165	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories ... resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1417th meeting, on 12 July 1993	12 July 1993

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A/AC.109/1166	Question of sending visiting missions to Territories: resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1417th meeting, on 12 July 1993	12 July 1993
A/AC.109/1167	Question of East Timor: letter dated 12 July 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee	12 July 1993
A/AC.109/1168	Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (working paper)	13 July 1993
A/AC.109/1169	Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas): resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1420th meeting, on 14 July 1993	14 July 1993
A/AC.109/1170	New Caledonia (working paper)	16 July 1993
A/AC.109/1171	Question of Pitcairn: decision adopted by the Special Committee at its 1425th meeting, on 19 July 1993	19 July 1993
A/AC.109/1172	Question of St. Helena: decision adopted by the Special Committee at its 1425th meeting, on 19 July 1993	19 July 1993
A/AC.109/1173	Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands: consolidated resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1427th meeting, on 27 July 1993	29 July 1993
A/AC.109/1174	Question of New Caledonia: resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993	12 August 1993
A/AC.109/1175	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993	12 August 1993
A/AC.109/1176	Activities of those foreign economic and other interests ... resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993	12 August 1993

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A/AC.109/1177 and Corr.1	Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers ... decision adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993	12 August 1993 17 August 1993
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A/AC.109/L.1793	Organization of work: relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly - note by the Secretary-General	5 February 1993
A/AC.109/L.1794	Organization of work: note by the Chairman	4 January 1993
A/AC.109/L.1795	Report of the [Open-ended] Working Group	26 May 1993
A/AC.109/L.1796	Report of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance: American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands	2 July 1993
A/AC.109/L.1797	Report of the Subcommittee ... question of dissemination of information on decolonization	16 June 1993
A/AC.109/L.1798	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories ... draft resolution submitted by the Chairman	25 June 1993
A/AC.109/L.1799	Report of the Subcommittee ... Pitcairn	30 June 1993
A/AC.109/L.1800	Report of the Subcommittee ... St. Helena	30 June 1993
A/AC.109/L.1801	Question of sending visiting missions to Territories: report of the Chairman	6 July 1993
A/AC.109/L.1802	Question of sending visiting missions to Territories: draft resolution submitted to the Chairman	6 July 1993
A/AC.109/L.1803	Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas): draft resolution	12 July 1993
A/AC.109/L.1804	100th report of the Working Group	15 July 1993
A/AC.109/L.1805	Implementation of the Declaration ... by the specialized agencies ...: report of the Chairman	30 July 1993
A/AC.109/L.1806	Implementation of the Declaration ... by the specialized agencies ... draft resolution	10 August 1993

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A/AC.109/L.1807	Activities of those foreign economic and other interests ... draft resolution	10 August 1993
A/AC.109/L.1808	Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers: draft decision	10 August 1993
A/AC.109/L.1809*	Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution	11 August 1993

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

CHAPTER II

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

1. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, entitled "International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism", and the Plan of Action contained in the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 December 1991 (A/46/634/Rev.1, annex). In the Plan of Action "aimed at ushering in, in the twenty-first century, a world free from colonialism", the assembly, inter alia, requested the Special Committee to:

> "organize during the Decade seminars in the Caribbean and Pacific regions alternately, as well as at United Nations Headquarters, to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the plan of action, with the participation of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, their elected representatives, the administering Powers, Member States, regional organizations, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and experts".

2. The Special Committee considered the question of the Pacific Regional Seminar to Review the Political, Economic and Social Conditions in the Small Island Non-Self-Governing Territories at its 1413th, 1414th, 1417th and 1421st meetings, held between 5 March and 14 July 1993.

3. At its 1413th meeting, on 5 March, the Chairman of the Special Committee drew the attention of the members to an aide-mémoire circulated on 23 February 1993 relating to, inter alia, the willingness of the Government of Papua New Guinea to host the Seminar from 8 to 10 June 1993 (A/AC.109/PV.1413). The Special Committee decided to accept the invitation to attend the Seminar.

4. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of Mali and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as by the Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1413), the Special Committee adopted the draft guidelines and rules of procedure for the Seminar (A/AC.109/1140).

5. As stated in the guidelines and rules of procedure for the Seminar (A/AC.109/1140), the primary objective of the Seminar was to address political, economic and social conditions in the small island Non-Self-Governing Territories of the Pacific region and assess the related situation in those Territories. The seminar was also to identify areas in which the international community could increase and enhance its participation in programmes of assistance and development and adopt a comprehensive and integrated approach to ensure the viable and sustainable development of the Territories concerned.

6. The topics considered by the Seminar assisted the Special Committee in focusing its attention on the specific concerns of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories. In that connection, the Seminar gave pre-eminence to a broad range of views of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. It also secured the participation of special guests, particularly personalities who are actively involved in the economic, social and political development of the region, and of organizations and institutions that focus on such development; of selected non-governmental organizations with long and established experience in island Territories; and of specialized agencies of the United Nations system, which have a special role to play in assisting the Special Committee in its future consideration of the remaining Territories.

7. The regional Seminar was held at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 8 to 10 June 1993. It was presided over by Mr. Renagi Renagi Lohia, Permanent

Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations and Chairman of the Special Committee, with the participation of the following other members of the Special Committee: Chile, Czech Republic, Fiji, Grenada, Indonesia, Mali, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.

8. The following representatives were appointed as officers of the Seminar: Mr. Andrew G. Bangali (Sierra Leone), Mr. José Manuel Ovalle (Chile), Mr. Semyon Dzakhaev (Russian Federation) and Mr. Farouk Al-Attar (Syrian Arab Republic) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Eugene Pursoo (Grenada) as Rapporteur. Ratu Manasa Seniloli (Fiji) was appointed Chairman of the Drafting Committee. The Drafting Committee was open-ended.

9. The Seminar was also attended by representatives of administering Powers, of Non-Self-Governing Territories of the Pacific (American Samoa, Guam, New Caledonia and Tokelau), of Non-Self-Governing Territories of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, of United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations, and by special guests. The host Government was represented by Mr. John R. Kaputin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea.

10. The Seminar reviewed and discussed political, economic and social questions as well as those relating to environment and development in the small island Non-Self-Governing Territories.

11. A detailed account of the organization and proceedings of the Seminar, as well as a summary of the discussions held, are contained in the report prepared by its Rapporteur (A/AC.109/1159). The report includes the topics discussed at the Seminar, as well as the list of participants.

12. At the 1414th meeting, on 28 May, the Chairman made a statement (A/AC.109/PV.1414).

13. At the same meeting, by adopting the report of the Open-ended Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1795), the Special Committee, inter alia, decided that, in accordance with the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, a seminar should be organized at Headquarters in 1994, which would be attended by representatives of all the Non-Self-Governing Territories irrespective of their location. Consequently, the regional seminars scheduled to be held in the Caribbean and the Pacific in 1994 and 1995, respectively, would be postponed by one year.

14. At the same meeting, by adopting the above-mentioned report, the Special Committee also adopted the following recommendation without objection:

> "7. The Working Group believes that the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 will provide a unique opportunity to carry out a mid-term review of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, considering that decolonization has been one of the most successful activities of the United Nations during the years, and duly taking into account the recommendations and results of the 1994 seminar at Headquarters. It proposes that an item to this end be included in the programme of work of the substantive session of the Special Committee in 1994 and 1995. In this context, the Working Group recommends that the Special Committee should mandate its Chairman to provide for the necessary coordination with the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations on the ways and means through which the Special Committee can participate actively in the festivities and their preparation."

15. At the 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the representative of Grenada, the Rapporteur of the Seminar, introduced the report (A/AC.109/1159) (A/AC.109/PV.1417). Statements were also made by the representatives of Portugal, in his capacity as an administering Power, Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as by the Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1417).

16. At its 1421st meeting, on 14 July, following statements by the representative of Portugal, in his capacity as an administering Power, and by the Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1421), the Special Committee approved the report of the Seminar (A/AC.109/1159) and took note of the summary of discussions and recommendations contained therein.